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ipplicant(s): Masayuki SUGIE) Re: Information Disclosure

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APPARATUS THEREFOR"

) Date: February 19, 2004

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Sir:

In accordance with the Applicant's duty to disclose information which may be material to the examination of this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that the Examiner consider on the merits the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified) before issuing the first Office Action on the merits. We are enclosing herewith a copy of each document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified).

Japanese Document No. 49-105277 is not in English. A concise English-language explanation of the relevance of Japanese Document No. 49-105277 can be found in the enclosed English-language abstract.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures: Form PTO-1449 (modified) (1 page)
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49-105277	10/1974	JP			abstract	
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<u>OTHER</u>	DOCUMENTS	(Including	Author,	<u>Title,</u>	Date,	<u>Pertinent</u>	Pages,	Etc.)

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